Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, O'Gorman High School has been selected as a "Blue Ribbon School" under a national program established by the U.S. Department of Education, which recognizes schools for their pursuit of excellence; and,

Whereas, O'Gorman was one of only forty high schools in the nation, and the only high school in our six-state region to receive the award this year; and,

Whereas, O'Gorman students' state test scores rank in the top 10 percent statewide, and their ACT scores rank in the top 10 percent nationwide; and,

Whereas, O'Gorman High School has demonstrated an exemplary level of achievement in the areas of: student focus and support; school organization and culture; challenging standards and curriculum; active teaching and learning; professional community, leadership, and educational vitality; and school, family, and community partnerships; and,

Whereas, Over 90 percent of O'Gorman students participate in at least one extra-curricular activity, and they contributed over 13,000 volunteer hours of community service throughout the Sioux Falls area last year; and,

Whereas, O'Gorman High School has won more state athletic championships than any other "AA" school, and has more than 550 students enrolled in classes related to the visual and performing arts; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2005, as

O'GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL "BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL" DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State